

REMARKS:

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 31-41 and 49-64, and rejected claims 1-29 and 44-48. Claims 30, 42 and 43 remain cancelled. Claims 1, 13 and 48 are amended herein. No new matter is presented.

Support for the amendments can be found at least in paragraphs 31-36, 50, 75-79 and Figs. 1, 2 and 4 including corresponding texts in the Specification as filed.

Thus, claims 1-29, 31-41 and 44-64 are pending and under consideration. The rejections are traversed below.

EXAMINER INTERVIEW:

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for taking the time to conduct an Examiner Interview regarding the outstanding rejections.

During the Interview, amendments were discussed to place the rejected claims in condition for allowance. The features added are set forth below.

If there are any pending matters, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned before acting on the case in order to expedite prosecution.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

At item 3 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner indicated claims 31-41 and 49-64 as being allowed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112¶1:

Claims 1, 13 and 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112¶1. Dependent claims 2-12, 14-29 and 44-47 were rejected as being dependent on rejected claims.

As discussed with the Examiner during the Interview, independent claim 1 is amended herein to recite a messaging system including "a server storing messages" in combination with "a voice controlled unit interactively categorizing the messages as requested by a recipient of the messages." Similarly, claim 13 is amended to recite "a memory" and "a voice controlled unit."

Independent claim 48 is amended to recite, "a server storing messages associated with at least two attributes", where the messages are categorizable and retrievable by a user identified therein according to "an order requested by the user via said telephone based voice

user interface." Accordingly, the claimed messaging system of claim 48 includes "a server" in combination with "a telephone based voice user interface."

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 13 and 48 have been amended and no longer include the language in the form rejected by the Examiner.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 13 and 48 and dependent claims 2-12, 14-29 and 44-47 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

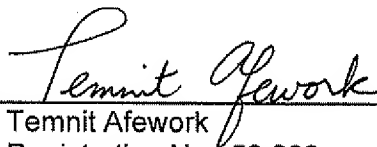
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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